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WAS THERE A BARGAIN?

We notice a suggestion in certain quarters that the cases against the Democratic registrars were nolle prossed as the result of a bargain or understanding that this should be done if the judges were not convicted.

However, if such a bargain was made by any one it is a disgraceful performance. In the first place, the attempt to convict the judges was not only a piece of base partisanship, but it was begun with even a lower motive, no doubt, which may have been to try to force a trade by which the cases against the registrars would be nolle prossed.

Having failed to make a trade on this basis, the trial of the judges was proceeded with, and Mr. Simmons and his machine, as is well known, did everything in their power to try to convict them.

The judges were acquitted because they were innocent and because all the power of the Democratic machine could not to so great an extent prostitute justice.

It seems to be admitted even by the machine that these Democratic registrars were guilty; and hence their great uneasiness. But even if they were innocent, they should have stood trial as the judges did.

THE NEGRO PROBLEM.

Many newspapers are having much to say on the so-called "Negro Problem," the discussion being caused immediately by a recent address of Dr. Winston before the American Academy of Political and Social Science.

The former proposition is no doubt instigated by the recent political events. The greatest trouble about the negro in politics has not resulted directly from the real fact that the negro was given the right to vote, but from the use that politicians have made of the so-called negro cry in order to arouse race prejudice and put themselves in office.

As we have said many times, we think the enfranchisement of the negro was a blunder and that we would have opposed it, but the observation we now desire to make is that those who are having so much to say about the necessity of the negro getting out of politics are a great extent guilty of creating unpleasant conditions for partisan purposes not referring now especially to Dr. Winston, but more to the newspapers that have commented upon his article, and in the next place these men have originated and advocated an unconstitutional scheme to accomplish that result, and monstrously magnified whatever evils there were in the situation to accomplish their unconstitutional and partisan design.

But be that as it may, it is no doubt, better for the negro himself that he be less in politics, and it is very probable that his industrial and educational condition today would have been much more advanced if he had never been enfranchised.

In closing we beg the opportunity to say that Dr. Winston's article is well worth reading.

THE PASSING OF CHINA.

The military drama which has been occupying the stage of China for almost a year still stalks abroad in that unhappy, ill-favored land. We see to that nation which finds itself prostrate at the feet of the so-called great and alleged Christian powers of the earth, for their mercy is like unto the mercy of the destroyer, their greed comparable only to the greed of an insatiate fiend.

Recognizing the right and duty of the nations of the earth to protect their ambassadors at the imperial court of Peking, we nevertheless say that from the landing of the foreign troops on Chinese soil there has been in the handling of the Chinese imbroglio very little to be proud of, and very little calculated to arouse in a heathen people high ideas of the greatness and goodness of Christianity.

The claims for indemnity presented by the different nations interested are appalling and monstrous and far beyond the power of the Mongol Empire to grant. As we see it, the claim is made purposely excessive in the hope that China will be unable to bear the "white man's burden" and will go bankrupt in the attempt.

Thus is the rapacious zeal for commercial supremacy on the part of the nations and republics of the Occident tearing into the vitals of oldtime civilization, which, however efforts and degenerate, yet has some right and claim for consideration.

THE POPULIST REVIVAL IN THE SOUTH.

The New York Sun of April 15th contains the following editorial: "Charlman Cook, of the Populist party in Missouri, declares that the alliance heretofore existing between the Populists and Democrats of Missouri is likely to be broken at an early day.

This is the record of the Populist vote in Missouri, increasing until the Missouri Convention in 1896, and rapidly diminishing since then: 1892 40,925; 1894 42,463; 1896 32,000; 1898 9,337; 1900 4,344.

The revival of Populism as a distinct creed in any of the Northern States of the country is a matter of no particular importance, but in the South, where the margins of Democratic control are small—32,000 plurality for Governor in Missouri, 3,600 for Governor of Kentucky, 25,900 for Governor in Tennessee, with the Republicans divided, and Maryland and West Virginia uncertain—the influence of the Populist party seems likely to revive to the point of the continued supremacy of the Democrats in those Southern States which the Republicans have not carried since the close of the Civil War.

The question of public ownership will surely be a more or less burning question in the future, and it seems that neither the Democratic nor the Republican party will champion that great question. This will cause a Populist revival not only in the South, but over the whole country.

We notice that one, James Hamilton, and one, Redshirt Simmons, are now boasting that their towns, the indicted registrars, could never have been convicted and that they have never had any fears. If this is true, why were there so many plaintive appeals for peace and the nolle prossing of the cases against the registrars made a condition requisite to the peace which was so earnestly sought for?

Girl Strikers Win.

Shamokin, April 15.—The Shamokin silk mill, which had been idle since February 17, owing to a lock-out because the three hundred girls insisted on the recognition of their union, resumed work today, the company granting the demand of the operatives.

A Tree Which is a Real Estate Owner.

Albany, Ga., has a tree, which is a real estate owner. The New Haven Register explains: "There is in that town a magnificent oak tree, situated in a place where it would naturally be in some danger of the woodman's axe. Many years ago the tree and the land about it were owned by a man who felt as if the old oak were his personal friend. He had watched it grow from his childhood. He became afraid that after death it would be cut down and suffer the usual fate of magnificent trees, which belong to nobody in particular. He, therefore, set about devising some way in which the tree could be effectually protected, and finally he had a deed made in due form at the county court house, conveying to the said oak tree entire possession of itself and all land within eight feet of it on all sides."

Later War News from Kentucky

Mayking, Ky., April 14.—Later advice from the feud between Boone's Fork are that Deputy Sheriff John H. Elkins, of Whitesburg, who was on Wright's side, was shot twice, once in each shoulder. Creed Potter, with John Reynolds, was shot twice across the back, only slight flesh wounds. John Reynolds is believed to be shot fatally. Twenty more men from the Spotters and Bentleys joined the Reynolds faction today. A dozen armed men guard the house where John Reynolds is being nursed. The others occupy positions for picket duty. The Wrights received over a dozen armed recruits today.

W. S. Wright and his son, William, were buried in the same grave today, there being over 200 of their friends at the burial. The feeling is such that trouble is momentarily expected.

Cashier Lewis Embezzled \$90,000.

Washington, April 13.—The Comptroller of the Currency today appointed J. T. Sullivan, of his office, as temporary receiver for the Farmers' National Bank of Vergennes, Vt. The bank examiner, Frank J. Fish, during an examination of the bank on April 3, discovered a shortage in the cash, and a further investigation which has been conducted by Special Examiner John B. Cunningham, indicates a total embezzlement by the cashier, D. H. Lewis, of \$90,000.

After the discovery of the defalcation, the examiner secured the return of \$25,000 to the bank. Until a more complete investigation into the acts of the cashier is made, it is impossible to state what loss, if any, will accrue to the depositors. It is believed, however, that the loss to the depositors will be large.

CASE OF BUBONIC PLAGUE IN MICHIGAN

The Doctors Report on the Afflicted Student at Ann Arbor—No Danger of a Spread.

Chicago, April 14.—A dispatch to the Record-Herald, from Ann Arbor, Mich., says: Dr. Victor C. Vaughan, dean of the medical department, and one of the most noted bacteriologists in the country, appeared before the State board of health yesterday and practically acknowledged that the case of student Charles B. Hare is one of bubonic plague. He assured the board that there would be no spread of the disease, as all precautions had been taken to prevent it and the student will recover.

Small pox in Charlotte.

Charlotte Observer.

Since Tom Sanders, the colored janitor at the new graded school, on Ninth street, has developed small-pox (21 days after he was put under quarantine). It would appear that the doctors who advised the closing of the school and the fumigation of the building and the school commissioners who acted upon their advice were wise in their day and generation.

Sanders' wife broke out with small pox about March 20th, and it was the fear of his having brought the germs of the disease into the school that resulted in its being closed.

In Jail for Blackmailing.

Utica, N. Y., April 14.—Chester Arthur Lisle, 17 years, is in the Utica jail, charged with using the mails for fraudulent and blackmailing purposes. He sent letters to ex-Mayor Chas. A. Doolittle and Thos. F. and W. T. Baker, the latter publishers of The Utica Saturday Globe, to the effect that unless they deposited certain sums, varying from \$200 to \$5000, in a certain place, the writer would defame and even kill the daughters of their families and others. He has made a complete confession, implicating others whose arrest will follow.

Trial of Sergeant Memson.

Manila, April 13.—The trial of Sergeant Memson, the first case in the commissary scandals, began with the startling disclosures expected. Two witnesses testified that quantities of flour were taken from a government warehouse and sold by three commissary sergeants and two others, who divided the proceeds. Finnick, proprietor of an American bakery, was incriminated and other business men were also involved. The extent of the illegal sale has not been ascertained.

The Treasury Buys Bonds.

Washington, April 15.—The Secretary of the Treasury late this afternoon purchased \$1,600,000 worth of 4-per-cent bonds of 1907. The sellers were C. H. Clark & Co., \$1,500,000, and N. W. Harris & Co., \$100,000. The price paid was \$113.55. The offers were made this morning.

TWO CHILDREN IN JAIL.

Are Accused of Murdering a Brother Who Was Only Eight Years Old.

Washington Post.

Elkton, Md., April 14.—On a warrant sworn out by State's Attorney William S. Evans, of Elkton, Deputy Sheriff William McAllister has arrested and lodged in jail here Sarah Simpkins, aged twelve years, who is charged with the killing of her younger brother, Howard Simpkins, aged eight years, at their home at Appleton, on Wednesday last.

The youthful prisoner is unconcerned over her arrest, and insists that she did not have anything to do with the shooting, while her little brother, Thomas, claims that it was she who secured an old army musket from its place over the door, and carrying it to the yard, placed it on the old store box and told him to pull the trigger of the gun.

PORTO RICANS IN DISTRESS.

Laboring Men Present a Petition to the President.

Washington, April 15.—Santiago Iglesias, president of the Federation of Workmen of Porto Rico, presented a petition to President McKinley today signed by 6,000 Porto Ricans, praying for relief from the distressing conditions which they are not exist in the island. Mr. Iglesias was accompanied to the White House by Frank R. Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor. The petition begins as follows:

"We, the undersigned, workers of Porto Rico, without distinction of color, political or religious creed, have the honor to bring to your attention the following facts: Misery with all its horrible consequences is spreading in our homes with wonderful rapidity. It has already reached such an extreme that many workers are starving to death while many others that have not the courage to see their mothers, wives and sisters and children perish of hunger, commit suicide by drowning themselves in the rivers or hanging themselves from branches of trees."

May Build Smelting Plant.

Norfolk, Va., April 14.—The officials of the Wheeling Development Company, who have recently purchased for \$275,000 a tract of Norfolk City realty having a deep water frontage of ample length to accommodate much shipping, decline to discuss their proposed steel-making industry. Several of the promoters being Pittsburgh men close to H. C. Frick, and owing to the rumor that this is the most available port for the importation of Cuban ore, leads to the belief that the new concern intends locating here one of its great smelting plants and rolling mills.

It is significant that the proposition to manufacture armor-plate for the navy by shippers is still alive and that the concern would find a local patronage ready for it.

GENERAL FRENCH CAPTURED.

It is Reported That the Boers Have Caught Him Alone With 500 British Troops.

London, April 15.—It is said that a private letter-telegram has been received to the effect that General French, and 500 British troops, while his force was engaged in a mist on the hills. No confirmation of the report can be obtained. The War Office here knows nothing about the rumored capture of General French and entirely discredits the report.

Boers Killed and Captured.

London, April 15.—The War Office has received the following dispatch from Lord Kitchener dated Pretoria, April 15: "Colonel Sir Henry Rawlin and column rushed the south larger, northwest of Klerksdorp, at daylight. Six Boers were killed, ten wounded, and 23 taken prisoners. He captured a 12-pounder, one pom-pom complete and two ammunition wagons with ammunition. Our casualties were three wounded. Colonel Plummer captured a field cornet and seven men with ten wagons and 18 rifles.

What Was Expected of Him.

Lamberton Robesonian.

Chief Justice Furches on his return to the bench announces that all matters coming before that court, so far as he is concerned, will be conducted fairly and impartially, and past affairs shall play no determining part in his actions. None who know him or watched with care his conduct during the impeachment proceedings can doubt the sincerity of his expressed purpose.

THE KIDNEYS AND THE SKIN.

In the spring the kidneys have much to do if they are weak or torpid, they will not do it well, and the skin, will be pimply or blotchy. That is telling the story in a few words. Hood's Sarsaparilla strengthens and stimulates the kidney's cures and prevents pimples, blotches and all cutaneous eruptions. Don't fail to take it. Buy a bottle today.

MINISTER WU WEARY OF DELAY.

He Says the Delay Works Commercial Injuries to the World.

Washington, April 15.—The Chinese Minister was at the State Department today in conference with Secretary Hay on the status of negotiations at Peking. The Minister is somewhat concerned over the delay in bringing about a final adjustment and also on the current reports that the indemnities reach a very large figure, which he fears, will be beyond the ability of China to meet. Minister Wu said in response to inquiries on these subjects:

"We have been accustomed to hear that China was very slow. But in this case many weeks and months are going by without any delay attributable to China so far as I have heard, and yet without definite prospects of bringing the negotiations to a close. This unsettled condition is very injurious to China, but it also is an injury which affects the whole world. Take for instance the cotton industry of the South. The shipments to China are very large, but they have been falling off owing to the unsettled condition of affairs and the trade is seriously menaced. What we need and what the commercial world needs is stability and some definite understanding of what conditions are to be.

"As to the question of indemnities, I receive little direct information. I have, however, registered to see some of the public reports that the total of indemnities is reaching a very large sum. It should be borne in mind that China herself has suffered great losses through the recent disturbances, losses which will amount to many millions, and for which she cannot hope to receive indemnity. So that if the claims of the powers aggregate \$314,000,000, as I see stated, it would probably not be an underestimate to say that China's own losses will reach twice that amount, say \$600,000,000. In the aggregate, China will be shouldering a burden of colossal proportions and this will come at a most trying experience.

"I note that a number of suggestions are made that the indemnity should be advanced along the lines of commercial advantages and improvements rather than in money. How far this is feasible I cannot say, but the principle involved seems to me a good one. It has the merits of being unselfish. As I understand it, the indemnities thus far asked are based entirely on the interests of the various powers. But the interests of China are being considered in this matter for after all the interests of China will have much to do in the end with the interest of all those nations having relations with her and who are carrying on extensive trade with the east."

Mrs. Nation Forced to Leave Missouri.

Kansas City, April 15.—Mrs. Corrie Nation was arrested yesterday charged with obstructing justice. She was arraigned before Police Judge McAuley this morning, fined \$500 and given until 6 o'clock this evening to leave the city. The judge warned Mrs. Nation that if she was found in the city after that hour she would be arrested and placed in jail. She agreed to leave town, and in fifteen minutes later boarded a street car for Kansas City, Kan.

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Gov. Smith's Lumber Combine.

Norfolk, Va., April 14.—Gov. John W. Smith, of Maryland, who is forming a combination of all the manufacturers of long leaf pine lumber, with the supposed cooperation of the Belmonts, was again here yesterday, in conference with the owners of many mills. He was accompanied by Gen. Francis E. Waters and Mr. John P. Moore, both of Baltimore.

MARCH AND THE LION.

SOMETHING BETTER THAN THE OLD SAW.

The saying about the lion and the lamb in March often prove false, but there is another one and a better one which is literally true. When March comes in and finds you taking Hood's Sarsaparilla to purify, enrich and vitalize your blood, you may expect that when it goes out, that it will leave you free from that tired feeling and with none of the hot, simmers and eruptions which manifest themselves because of impure blood in the spring if you have not already begun taking Hood's Sarsaparilla in your spring medicine, we advise you to begin today. We assure you it will make you feel better all through the coming summer.

Unknown Man Murdered and Buried.

Cumberland, Md., April 14.—The body of an unknown man, which had been buried from his head to his knees, was found twenty feet from the Baltimore and Ohio track northeast of the Pittsburg division, this morning. There was no evidence of a fire near by or a struggle, and it is supposed the man was murdered by tramps, his clothing set on fire, and his body cast from the train. The man was probably thirty years old, with black hair and beard.

Fava not Recalled.

New York, April 15.—This statement comes from Baron Fava, the Italian ambassador who is in this city: "It is not true that Baron Fava has been recalled. Owing to important family affairs which he was required to attend to in Italy he has quitted his post. Baron Fava, on his return home, will resume his duties in the Italian Senate."

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Address The Peruna Medicine Co., Columbus, Ohio, for a free copy of "Summer Catarrh," which treats on the phases of catarrh peculiar to hot weather, and contains Dr. Hartman's experience of fifty years in the treatment of these diseases.

Of Interest to Farmers. As the spring has opened and crops are being planted, insects are again becoming numerous and their ravages will soon begin. We wish to urge farmers not to wait until a crop is ruined, and then try to get information, but as soon as an insect enemy is detected, send some specimens to this office, so that they may be identified, and remedies suggested. The importance of the work against injurious insects is becoming more and more apparent. Everybody is invited to take free use of this office to obtain information regarding insect friends and foes.—Franklin Sherman, Jr., Entomologist, N. C. Department of Agriculture, Raleigh, N. C.

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SOUTHERN RAILWAY

Little Rock, Ark., April 15.—The State Senate today passed a bill making it unlawful for any person to drink any intoxicating liquor as a beverage unless he or she shall have first obtained a license as a dram drinker. The license is fixed at \$5 per annum.

COLD STEEL OR DEATH.

"There is but one small chance to save your life and that is through an operation." Was the awful prospect set before Mrs. L. B. Hunt, of Lima Ridge, Wis., by her doctor after vainly trying to cure her of a frightful case of stomach trouble and yellow jaundice. He didn't count on the marvelous power of Electric Bitters to cure her Stomach and Liver troubles, but she heard of it, took seven bottles, was wholly cured, avoided surgeon's knife, now weighs more and feels better than ever. It's positively guaranteed to cure Stomach, Liver and Kidney troubles and nervous prostration. Price 50c at all druggists. Sold by R. H. Holiday, Druggist.

Mules in South Africa.

New Orleans, La., April 15.—The steamer Monterey, cleared for Capetown today with 1,100 mules.

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